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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROGRESS REPORT

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PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. SE-33: Prospects for Survival of Mossadeq Regime in Iran,
published 14 October 1952.
2. NIE-42/1: The Current Situation in Albania, published
20 October 1952.
3. NIE-47: Communist Intentions and Capabilities in Asia,
published 31 October 1952.
4. NIE-64 : Soviet Bloc Capabilities, through Mid-1953,
(Part I) published 12 November 1952 (Appendices to follow)
5. NIE-72: Probable Developments in the Union of South Africa,
published 20 October 1952.
6. NIE-75: Probable Developments in Iran through 1953,
published 13 November 1952.

PROJECTS IN PROCESS

A. National Intelligence Estimates

7. NIE-21/1: Austrian Security Capabilities Following Withdrawal
of Occupation Forces

Priority: Urgent*

Status: Board circulated to the IAC a draft, which it had prepared at request of Secretary of Defense, with the proposal that the IAC approve its publication as NIE-21/1. The IAC approved this on 12 November. The IAC representatives are scheduled to meet on 14 November.

*Priorities used in decreasing order of urgency are: Crash, Urgent, Routine, and Deferred.

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8. NIE-40: Potential Military, Economic, and Scientific Accretions to the USSR Resulting from the Acquisition of Western Europe in the Foreseeable Future

Priority: Routine

Status: Scheduled by ONE in late May 1951 (see Item 14, IAC-D-1, dated 1 November 1950). Referred for action to EIC in June 1951. On 10 November, with the concurrence of the Chairman, EIC, the Board agreed to drop its current draft and to recommend to the IAC that the estimate be cancelled.

9. NIE-45: Probable Attitudes and Policies of the Free World toward the East-West Conflict

Priority: Routine

Status: At the IAC meetings on 14 and 24 April (IAC-M-67, paragraph 6, and IAC-M-68, paragraph 1), it was agreed that an estimate on this general subject would replace NIE-45, cancelled by the IAC. Terms of reference were prepared by ONI and submitted to ONE on 5 May. On 13 May, ONE circulated these with recommendations for modifications. All agencies concurred. Board action on revised terms of reference was deferred pending progress on NIE-64 (Part II). On 7 November, the Board directed the Staff to reactivate this estimate.

10. NIE-56: Likelihood of Loss of Important Economic Resources of the Far East

Priority: Routine

Status: A series of estimates to cover various areas were authorized by the IAC on 11 October at the request of G-2. EIC contribution was received on 24 April. A draft is under consideration in ONE.

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11. NIE-59: Relative Strategic Importance of East-West Trade to the Soviet Orbit and to the Rest of the World
Priority: Routine
Status: Initiated in response to NSC requirement. On 16 November the Project was referred to the EIC by the IAC representatives. The draft of the EIC working group was received on 3 October. A preliminary draft is under consideration in ONE.
12. NIE-63: France's Prospective Ability to Play a Major Role in the Western Security System
Priority: Routine
Status: Authorized by the IAC on 13 March at the suggestion of the Board. IAC representatives met on terms of reference on 7 April. A Staff draft is under consideration in ONE.
13. NIE-64 : Soviet Capabilities through Mid-1954
(Part I)
Supplement Priority: Urgent
Status: ONE, in consultation with the IAC agencies, is drafting a supplement designed to extend the period of the estimate from Mid-1953 to Mid-1954.
14. NIE-64 : Probable Soviet Bloc Courses of Action Through Mid-1953
(Part II)
Priority: Urgent
Status: Authorized by the IAC on 13 March at the suggestion of the Board. Target date: mid-November. Board concluded its review of Staff draft on 31 October. The IAC representatives held their first meeting on a draft on 12 November.
15. NIE-65: Soviet Bloc Capabilities, through 1957
Priority: Routine
Status: Authorized by the IAC on 13 March at the suggestion of the Board. IAC representatives approved

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terms of reference on 6 June. Defense contribution due 1 December; OIR and ORR contributions due 15 December.

16. NIE-70: Conditions and Trends in Latin America Affecting U. S. Security

Priority: Routine

Status: Initiated pursuant to paragraph 2.f. of Board Program of Estimates circulated on 5 May 1952 and IAC action on ONE memorandum dated 29 April. Draft forwarded to IAC representatives on 29 October. At State request, meeting of the representatives deferred until week of 17 November.

17. NIE-71: Probable Outlook for Italy

Priority: Routine

Status: Initiated pursuant to paragraph 2.d. of Board Program of Estimates circulated on 5 May 1952. A draft is being prepared in ONE.

18. NIE-73: Conditions and Trends in the Middle East Affecting U. S. Security

Priority: Routine

Status: The Board recommended to the IAC on 26 June the scheduling of this estimate. IAC concurred on 3 July on which date the IAC representatives met on terms of reference. Contributions were all in by 9 September. A Staff draft has been completed.

19. NIE-74: Probable Developments in Burma through 1953

Priority: Routine

Status: Requested by State and approved by the IAC on 30 September. IAC representatives approved terms of reference on 1 October. Contributions were due 10 November. Contributions of ONI, AF, and G-2 were in by that date.

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20. NIE-76: Implications for the West of Probable Developments in Egypt

Priority: Routine

Status: Requested by G-2 and approved by the IAC on 6 November. Staff is drafting terms of reference.

B. Scientific Intelligence Estimates

21. Status of Soviet Medical Research

Initiated by CIA and approved by SIC for production. Under review in OSI.

The following projects were referred to the SEC on 16 October 1952, with determinations as follows:

22. Status of Soviet Development in the Field of Physics. To be completed as a joint project. Contributions have been received from agencies and a draft will be ready for submission to the SEC Members in November 1952.
23. Status of Soviet Chemical Warfare Program. Cancelled.
24. Status of Soviet Metallurgy Program. To be completed as a joint project. Contributions have been received from various agencies and the first draft should be completed by 1 January 1953.
25. Development and Utilization of Science in the Soviet Union. Cancelled. (Upon publication of NIE-65, the need for this study will be re-evaluated.)

Other Pending Projects:

26. RDB Request for Intelligence Estimate of Soviet Scientific and Technological Capabilities (IAC-M-72, M-73, D-51)

To be handled in connection with NIE-65.

C. Economic Intelligence Estimates

27. Economic Capabilities for War of the USSR and its Satellites

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by 11 December. The study has been divided into two phases:
(1) Cold war capabilities, 1952-1953 - contributions have been received by the Working Group and have been used by ORR in the preparation of NIE-64 and NIE-65. Summary working paper scheduled for completion on 15 November. (2) Capabilities for hot war beginning 1 July 1952 and 1 July 1954; no target date has been set.

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D. Other Items of Concern to the Committee

29. Intelligence Deficiencies Revealed in SE-27 (IAC-D-57)

On 30 October the IAC members noted this report.

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